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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 9/18/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Referring to claims 1, 8, and 9, these claims include amendments relating to generating a “configuration information setup file” and “receiving a copying-complete report”, which is subject matter that was not considered in Examiner’s initial search and would expand the search beyond the scope of the initial claims. According to MPEP 708.02 VIII (C), under the special examining procedure portion of VIII, “Any amendment which would require broadening the search field will be treated as an improper reply.” Further see MPEP 708.02 VIII (A), under special examining procedure portion of VIII, wherein “The examiner’s search will be restricted to the subject matter encompassed by the claims”.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joshua A. Lohn whose telephone number is (571) 272-3661. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Scott Baderman can be reached on (571) 272-3644. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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